Public Service Commission - Mountain Sewer docket #11-097-03

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Subject: Mountain Sewer docket #11-097-03

To whom it may concern:

As a user of the services provided by Mountain Sewer, I am writing you to express my concern with their recent request for a special assessment and rate increase.

As a business owner, the new owners of Mountain Sewer should have done their due diligence prior to taking over the utility and addressed their concerns with the previous owner. As I believe that the new owners also received real estate in their transaction, maybe they should be forced to take the profit gained from these sales and apply it to the amount they feel they need to improve the utility? Mountain Sewer was well aware of the deterioration and lack of maintenance of the sewer systems prior to their taking over the utility and should not be allowed to charge users for upgrades that were clearly necessary when they took over the utility. The users of Mountain Sewer should not have to make up for the financial irresponsibility of the past or current owners.

While I agree that Mountain Sewer is entitled to a reasonable rate increase, a 159.4% increase does not seem in line with the cost of living in our area.

In closing, as a user of the services provided by Mountain Sewer, I am opposed to their request for a special assessment and think that their rate increase is way out of line.

Sincerely,

Deborah R. Nicoll